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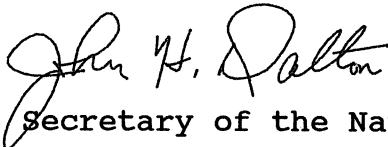
The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the
NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION to

USS TRIPOLI AMPHIBIOUS READY GROUP

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For exceptionally meritorious service during assigned missions from 7 October to 29 October 1994. The personnel of the USS TRIPOLI Amphibious Ready Group consistently demonstrated unparalleled success in deterring military incursion by the armed forces of Iraq into Kuwait. Among the first United States Naval Forces to arrive, in response to Iraq's aggressive repositioning of substantial ground forces that threatened both the sovereign integrity of Kuwait and the safety of six thousand United States' citizens residing therein, the TRIPOLI Amphibious Ready Group's presence capably demonstrated United States resolve and was significantly instrumental in ameliorating the crisis. This outstanding performance confirmed the unique advantages associated with maintaining Naval Forces forward deployed, enhanced security of United States citizens, reassured allies and, directly contributed to the prevention of war in the region. By their truly distinctive achievements, extensive enthusiasm, and unfailing devotion to duty, the officers and enlisted personnel of the USS TRIPOLI Amphibious Ready Group reflected great credit upon themselves and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.


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PARTICIPATING UNITS FOR USS TRIPOLI AMPHIBIOUS
READY GROUP

- 15th MEU
- a. USS Tripoli (LPH-10)
 - b. USS Cleveland (LPD-7)
 - c. USS Fort McHenry (LSD-43)
 - d. USS Rushmore (LSD-47)
 - e. Commander, Amphibious Squadron Three Staff, Naval Support Elements (NSE) and augmentation personnel embarked during Operation "Vigilant Warrior".
- (1) Assault Craft Unit One Detachment Charlie
 - (2) Assault Craft Unit Five Detachment Foxtrot
 - (3) Beachmaster Unit one Detachment Echo
 - (4) Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Three Detachment Nine
 - (5) Fleet Surgical Team Five
 - (7) Helicopter Support Squadron Eleven Detachment Four
 - (8) Naval Special Warfare Task Unit Tripoli
 - (9) Seal Team One Platoon Alfa
 - (10) Special Warfare Boat Unit Twelve Detachment Alfa
 - (11) Tactical Air Control Squadron Twelve Detachment One
 - (12) Command and Control Warfare augmentation personnel
 - (13) Cryptologic Direct Support Element Personnel
 - (14) Medical Mobile Augmentation Readiness Team personnel provided by NAVHOSP Balboa and NAVHOSP Camp Pendleton
 - (15) Lieutenant Commander, William Spann, PAO, USN
 - (16) Lieutenant John Ward, JAGC, USN